



D. Lawrence  
#51/a  
5-2-03

PATENT APPLICATION  
Docket Number: CDS0223

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Inventors:	Merrit N. Jacobs, et al.
Serial No.:	09/658,356
Filed:	September 11, 2000
Title:	Analyzer With Sample Quality Measurement, And Method
Group Art Unit:	1743
Examiner:	Patricia K. Bex

**AMENDMENT**

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231 on: 4-22-03

By: M.J. Montgomery Attorney for Applicants

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 3, 2003, regarding the patent application identified above, Applicants make the following election.

35 U.S.C. § 121:

Claims 1-15 are pending in the present application, and they are subject to a restriction requirement.

The Examiner objected that the present application contains claims directed to the following patentably distinct groups of the claimed invention:

Group I      Claims 1 and 11

Group II      Claims 2-10 and 12-14

Group III      Claim 15

**GROUP 1700**

APR 30 2003

**RECEIVED**

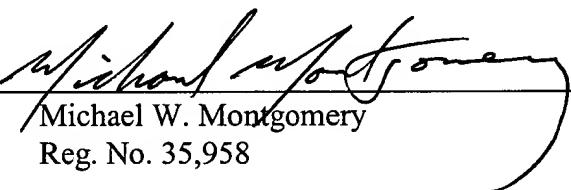
As requested for the purpose of prosecuting the present application, Applicants provisionally elect Group II, currently recited in Claims 2-10 and 12-14.

In addition, Applicants have added Claims 16-18, to recite the present invention in different detail.

Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to allow the present invention.

Respectfully submitted,  
Attorney for Applicants

Date: April 22, 2003

By:   
Michael W. Montgomery  
Reg. No. 35,958

Johnson & Johnson  
Law Department  
One Johnson & Johnson Plaza  
New Brunswick, New Jersey 08933  
(786) 313-2922